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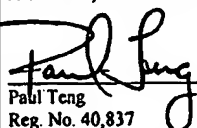
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims section which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

sensitivity image, and not (such as proposed by King) for calculating the sensitivity distribution. The approach of the claimed invention makes higher the accuracy of the sensitivity distribution as compared to that of King.

Independent claims 15-17 are patentably distinct from the cited art for at least similar reasons.

Accordingly, for at least the above-stated reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 15-17, and the claims depending therefrom, are patentable over the cited art.

In view of the amendments to the claims and remarks hereinabove, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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